निगम के माध्यम से राज्यों को निःशुल्क खाद्यान्न की आपूर्ति करती है । योजना की शुरूआत से दिल्ली प्रशासन द्वारा कुल 21594 मैट्रिक टन खाद्यान्न उठाए गए ।

(ख) और (ग) उठाए गए खाद्यान्न के आंकड़ों के मिलान और भारतीय खाद्य निगम को निधियां नही प्रदान किए जाने से संबंधित समस्याओं के कारण जुलाई से सितम्बर, 1998 की अवधि के दौरान सभी राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को खाद्यान्न की आपूर्ति अस्थायी रूप से रोक दी गई थी । भारतीय खाद्य निगम के बकायों के भुगतान के बाद अक्तूबर, 1998 से खाद्यान्न की आपूर्ति शुरू कर दी गई है ।

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Indian's participation in Sydney Olympics

1173. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India would participate in the coming Sydney Olympics;

(b) the games in which India plans to participate; and

(c) whether preparations have been started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPTT. OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS, WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Based upon probability of winning medals, India is likely to participate in Athletics, Boxing, Hockey (Men & Women), Shooting, Tennis and Weightlifting (Women).

(c) Yes, Sir. In order to prepare Indian Teams, the Government have taken following Steps:—

(i) National Sports Federations have been requested to draw up a detailed Long Term Development Plan (LTDP) incorporating requirement for promotion of sports. This is being reviewed closely. As per agreed programme all National Sports Federations will be given assistance for improving the standard of sportspersons/teams.

(ii) The Federations have also been asked to hold National level tournaments for Sub-Juniors, Juniors and Seniors. The Federations are also given grants for equipment, foreign exposures and holding National and International tournaments. Foreign Coaches have also been provided to the National Sports Federations in selected disciplines to improve the standards. The Sports Authority of India (SAI) holds regular coaching camps for selected teams and athlets.

(iii) A Scheme for assisting Promising Sportspersons and Supporting Personnel has been recently formulated under which outstanding sportspersons can be given financial assistance upto Rs. 5.00 lakhs for getting themselves trained in India or abroad for improving their excellence in sports.

(iv) A National Sports Development Fund has also been set up with an initial contribution of Rs. 2.00 crores by the Government for the promotion and development of sports in country.

(v) The encourage sportspersons, Government has also increased the prize money substantially for the medal winners in international sports events.

Reserved teaching posts

1174. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI SHIBU SOREN: SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: